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Apton Hill, Va.

Sept. 17th. 1862.

Dear Mother,

I received your letter of the 7th inst one day after Mary and Ellips. I was wondering why you did not write something but when I got yours I saw ~~how~~ it was. We are here in front of Washington but at all time under marching orders, I suppose awaiting for something to turn up, that is acting as a kind of reserve Corps ready to be sent ~~any~~ where. There seems to be a general movement against our lines all over the country, what the rebels will make of it in the end is to be seen. They are not doing so well as they expected in Maryland I think as McClellan is giving them

a taste of his mettle.

We have not seen Kalahans brother
and we don't know where they
is himself, nor the state of
his wounds. I see they have
been fighting in West Virginia. You
have you heard of the casualties
in the C.R.S.

McLean I hear is trying to get
our Brigade to the Ohio Border, but
it is a mere runner, and I
hardly think he will succeed.
If he does try.

We are encamped on Repton Hill
in sight of the Capitol Building
and the North and Falls Church
on the south.

I received a letter from Channing
White who is at Cumberland Md.
was then, he may be on his
road home by this time. From the
tone of his letter he was in good
spirits. Have you heard any thing

of my affairs at Kenia
yet or has other weighty matters
~~ruled~~ it out.

Moses Ginn is still in the
hospital at Ballinon,
John is well and makes a
good Soldier. Perry Taylor is
well. Stephen Hany is sick in
hospital in Washington or
Georgetown. Barney Mitchell is
detached and with ~~Letcher~~
Batter. Johnsons Battery in
McLons Brigade. Wilmarth
is well, and is thought very
little of amongst the men.
He can eat as much as
three common men, and is
selfish and cowardly.
I dont like the stock
nor, never did. You need
not tell Reeds folks my
opinion of him, or they would
never forgive me, tell them he

is well and hearty and
that will be sufficient.

Do you hear any thing of
Hawkins and the Lawrence
Boys, Capt. Lullay &c.

How is Mr Lullay is he well
yet, and John Herchner,
Where is Austin Lynn.

Give my Respects to Miss Mary
Lullay, A. J. Miller and
the rest of my acquaintances.
Tell them I am waiting very
anxiously for the war to end
so that we can have a regular
old fashioned dance once more.

Our Corps is resting for a short
time. We have marched over
100 miles this summer and
with only about half rations.
Nothing more this time.

But am as ever

Oscar.

Write often!

Direct to McLean, Ariz. Schuchard Dr.,
Society's camp.